

REMARKS

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 5-8, 24, 35, and 38-41 under 35 U. S. C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Torvik et al. (United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0094672 A1).

Claims 2, 5-8, 24, 35, and 38-41 are canceled.

2. The Examiner has rejected claims 3 and 4 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Torvik et al. (United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0094672 A1).

Claims 3 and 4 are canceled.

3. The Examiner has rejected claims 36 and 37 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Torvik et al. (United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0094672 A1).

Claims 36 and 37 are canceled.

4. The Examiner has allowed claims 32, 33, and 35-50.

5. The Examiner has objected to claims 9-12 and 14-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has further indicated that claims 9-12 and 14-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the

limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 9-12 and 14-19 are amended and rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, it is believed that claims 9-12 and 14-19 as amended are allowable.

6. Claims 1-8, 13, 20-31, and 34-41 have been canceled by the prior and current amendments.

7. Claims 9-12, 14-19, 32, 33, and 42-50 are now pending in the present application and are believed to be in condition of allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully solicited.

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